

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1103

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Judge Tarik B. Sugarmon, Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Judge Tarik B. Sugarmon, who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Sugarmon has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order throughout his exemplary tenure as Municipal Court Judge, Division II, for the City of Memphis; he is currently serving his fourth elected term on the Memphis Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, a Memphis native, Judge Sugarmon received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Banking and Finance with a Minor in Drama from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia; he received his Juris Doctorate from Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., and was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Tarik B. Sugarmon began his estimable legal career as a part-time attorney in the Shelby County Public Defender's Office, where he served with distinction for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, he was engaged in the private practice of law with the firm of Wharton and Wharton for nine years and with Noel and Sugarmon Law office until his judicial appointment in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Judge Sugarmon is an esteemed member of the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, he formerly served as a trustee of the Wolf River Conservancy; a board member of the Mid-South Junior Golf Association, a Chapter of First Tee; and Regional Director with the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Tarik B. Sugarmon is the proud father of three sons, Chris (Britni), Nile, and Malik, and two grandchildren, Dallas and Skylar; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge Sugarmon has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Judge Tarik B. Sugarmon upon his recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.